GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:89
ANSWERED ON:17.02.2006
REDUCTION IN TELEPHONE RENT
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has reduced the rentals and also increased the number of free calls due to large scale of surrender of fixed line phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the MTNL also proposed to follow suit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has reduced the monthly rental for exchange system capacity of more than 1 lakh lines in General Package only and also revised alternative packages for Basic and WLL services with more free calls with effect from 1st January 2006.

(b) The details of reduction in rental for General Package and revised alternative packages are given in the Annexure..

(c) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal in MTNL.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) MTNL tariffs are already very competitive.

Annexure

1. General Package

The revised rental applicable for General Package is as under:-

Monthly Rental Charges for B-fone/WLL(F)

```
Rental charges  Existing  Revised
   (General Plan)  (General Plan)



Exchange System  Rural Urban  Rural Urban
Capacity
Less than 1000 lines Rs.50/- Rs.120/- Rs.50/- Rs.120/-
1000  lines to < 30000 Rs.110/- Rs.120/- Rs.110/- Rs.120/-
lines
30000 lines to <100000 Rs.150/- Rs.180/- Rs.150/- Rs.180/-
lines
100000 lines & above Rs.210/- Rs.250/- Rs.150/- Rs.180/-
FREE CALLS   75  50  75  50
```

2. Alternative Packages:

In addition to the general package, revise/additional alternative packages for customers under B-fone/WLL(F)

```
Particulars  Sulabh  BSNL  BSNL  BSNL  BSNL BSNL
     Economy Special Special Super Premium
```

Plus

Alternative Package prevalent prior to 1st January 2006

Plan Charges (Incl. Monthly rental) as per Exchange system capacity						
Less than 30000 lines	Rs.99/-	Rs.350/-	Rs.750/-	-	Rs.1650/-	-
>30000 to <100000 lines	Rs.120/-	Rs.350/-	Rs.750/-	-	Rs.1650/-	-
>100000 lines	Rs.160/-	Rs.350/-	Rs.750/-	-	Rs.1650/-	-
Free Calls	0	200	600	-	1800	-
Unit Rate (beyond free calls)	1.20	1.20	1.10	-	1.00	-

Revised Alternative Packages with effect from 1st January 2006

Fixed monthly charges as per Ex.System capacity						
Less than 30000 lines	Rs.99/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.375/-	Rs.975/-	Rs.1450/-	Rs.2450/-
>30000 to <100000 lines	Rs.120/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.425/-	Rs.975/-	Rs.1450/-	Rs.2450/-
>100000 lines	Rs.160/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.475/-	Rs.975/-	Rs.1450/-	Rs.2450/-
Free Calls (MCU)	0	200	400/450/ 500	1100	1800	3500
Unit Rate (beyond Free Calls)	1.20	1.20	1.10	1.00	0.90	0.80